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The Honorable Sheila E. Hixson
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee
House Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 282: Transportation Projects- Bicycle and Pedestrian Access-
Funding and Reporting

Dear Delegate Hixson and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment supports HB 282. This bill promotes funding of transportation projects for pedestrians and bicycle riders, which is conducive to the State's climate protection and air quality goals. Pedestrian and bike- friendly development has the potential to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which results in a reduction of ozone precursors and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reducing GHG emissions from the transportation sector is an important part of the State's plan to reduce emissions 25 percent by 2020, a target mandated by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review HB 282. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or lnissley@mde.state.md.us if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

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